

NO SHIPS ARE HELD FOR FOOD CARGOES IN ATLANTIC PORTS

R. R. Administration Announces All Grain Offered for Shipment Is Promptly Moved.

NOW READY TO EXECUTE MR. HOOVER'S PROGRAM

Statement Issued Relative to Warning of an Impending Famine in the East.

No ships now are being held up at Atlantic ports awaiting consignments of food for shipment to this country's allies. In fact, food is waiting, in some cases, for ships to transport it. The Food Administration Hoover has indicated specified amounts of food he wants transported either to the seaboard or to eastern states in any given time, the railroad administration will undertake to carry out his program. All grain offered for shipment is being moved, but farmers are alleged to be holding back grain, waiting for the outcome of price-fixing legislation now pending in the Senate. Mr. Hoover has even taken steps to urge that grain be put on the markets.

Desire No Controversy. Director General McAdoo and other officials of the railroad administration make it emphatic that they desire to enter into no controversy with Mr. Hoover. No effort will be made to controvert Mr. Hoover's statements regarding the impending food shortage. But figures were being reported regarding the movements of foodstuffs since the beginning of the year. Officials said the railroads would increase the movement if Mr. Hoover requested such action. The railroad administration was at a loss to explain some of the strictures placed upon the railroads. For example, it was pointed out, relative to the complaint that live stock was being held up, that a report on this subject was asked a few days ago from the car service commission.

What the Report Shows. The report showed that by orders issued at the request of Mr. Hoover only 75 per cent of the live stock cars were being moved, though in a few cases only 50 per cent had been moved. It was pointed out that the report showed that the movement of live stock cars was being held up, though in a few cases only 50 per cent had been moved. It was pointed out that the report showed that the movement of live stock cars was being held up, though in a few cases only 50 per cent had been moved.

Exact Figures Available. Exact figures are available at the railroad administration of the grain in elevators at primary markets for the week ending February 2, 1918. For the week ending February 2 there were 3,425,000 bushels of wheat, 3,540,000 bushels of corn, 1,953,000 bushels of oats, a total of 19,964,000 bushels of these grains in elevators at primary markets. By February 16 the total was 22,397,000 bushels.

Stock and Perishables Forwarded. From February 10 to 21, 9,313 cars of live stock and perishables were forwarded east from Chicago. From February 12 to 19 there were 1,360 special food trains from Chicago and east St. Louis en route to New York, Philadelphia and Boston for export. Grain receipts, in bushels, in the western district, primary markets, from February 10 to 20, inclusive, were: Corn, 17,761,000; oats, 3,329,000; wheat, 2,446,000 making a grand total of 23,536,000 bushels.

GUilty OF OPPOSING DRAFT. Four Socialists at Seattle, Who Distributed Literature, Involved. SEATTLE, Wash., February 22.—A verdict of guilty was returned by a jury in United States district court here late last night in the cases of Hulet W. Little, Joe Pass, Morris Pass and Sam Sadler, socialists, charged with conspiring to block the operation of the selective service act by distributing anti-draft literature.

TO REQUISITION SALMON. U. S. to Take Possession of Unsold Stock to Supply Army. BELLINGHAM, Wash., February 22.—E. B. Denning, salmon administrator for the federal government, has announced that by order of the food administrator all of the unsold salmon stock in the United States will be requisitioned for the United States Army.

Defeat Senate Appointment Bill. MADISON, Wis., February 22.—A measure empowering Gov. Philipp to appoint a United States senator to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Paul O. Hastings was defeated in the Senate yesterday, 27 to 2. In the assembly a resolution favoring a special election for United States senator was adopted, 56 to 18.

Tomorrow Is Poreless Saturday

GUNS ENOUGH MONTHLY TO ARM 14 DIVISIONS

Factories Producing and Delivering to Arsenal Standardized Enfield Rifles in Quantities Sufficient to Threaten Storage Facilities.

Modified Enfield rifles in numbers sufficient to arm fourteen Army divisions each month are now being delivered to government arsenals, according to statements of the ordnance department. These new rifles are completely standardized, and all parts are interchangeable. Among the concerns making the rifles are the Eddystone Company, Chester, Del.; the Remington Arms Company, with plants at Bridgeport, Conn.; Hoboken, N. J.; Swanton, Vt., and Iliou, N. Y., and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn.

Question Is Answered. "Less than a month ago," said an official of the ordnance department, "the Senate military affairs committee was asking how great the shortage of rifles for the Army was as regards camps and cantonments. Now the arsenals and factories of the country are giving the answer. The ordnance department is now producing at the rate of more than 250,000 a month, and they are actually in stock only about 15,000 to 20,000 are actually combatants at one time.

All Difficulties Overcome. All of these difficulties have been overcome in the time since the United States entered the war, and further improvements have been made that make the modified Enfield, in the opinion of experts in matters pertaining to military rifles, the best arm of the kind in the world. Among the changes that have been the location of the rear sight at least eight inches closer to the eye of the soldier aiming the piece, thus giving a considerably better line of sight and improved marksmanship; the elimination of a number of sharp angles in the chamber and magazine of the piece, thus lessening the tendency to jam, etc.

When the United States entered the war, the manufacturing companies mentioned above were manufacturing Enfield rifles for the British Army. It was expected the ordnance department would take over these plants for production of rifles for the United States Army. It was expected the ordnance department would take over these plants for production of rifles for the United States Army. It was expected the ordnance department would take over these plants for production of rifles for the United States Army.

U. S. AID MAY END U. S. STAFF WATCHES RUSSIAN SITUATION

Decision of President May Settle Electric and Phone Rate Increase Question. Capture of War Material by Germany Not Considered of Great Importance.

President Wilson's decision, supported by recommendation of Secretary McAdoo, to help public utilities throughout the country that have been hard hit by war costs today was regarded as practically certain of changing the complexion of the problem facing the District Public Utilities Commission as to whether it shall permit higher rates to be charged for gas and telephone service in the National Capital.

Situation Changed Overnight. There is manifested in local business and financial circles today a general solicitude to the view that whatever the commission may tentatively have decided as to its right to change gas rates in view of the legal technicalities involved, the situation has been changed overnight.

Will Overcome Objections. The theory was advanced by many today that, if the administration regards the extending of relief to public utilities as a war measure in the interest of the nation, this contention and objection such as the one confronting the District commission, where it appears there may be a doubt as to the commission's legal right to act.

PERELESS TO BE HEARD. Senate Committee on Military Affairs to Call Former Captain. The Senate committee on military affairs today determined to call before it former Capt. A. E. Pereless, formerly of the Quartermaster Corps, who was dismissed January 30, a month after he had testified before the Senate committee in regard to the Base Sorting Company contract. The contract for the sorting of munitions was the subject of an investigation made by Capt. Pereless.

NINE OF FAMILY DIE IN FIRE. Husband, Wife and Seven Children Victims When Home Burns. PEABODY, Mass., February 22.—Nine persons, all members of the family of Morris Miller, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Miller home near here early today. Reuben Miller, a boy of nineteen, who was employed on a neighboring farm, was the only member of the family who escaped.

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'WILD CAT' SCHEMES DEALT HARD BLOW

War Finance Bill to Govern Securities Issues in Excess of \$100,000.

"Wild cat" investment schemes, bogus gold mines and other forms of enterprise designed to lure the furtive dollar from the pockets of those avaricious for suddenly acquired wealth will have had sledding if the pending war finance corporation bill becomes law. "Licensed by the United States government" will be the possible boast of great investment enterprises in the future. It will be regarded as a hallmark of reliability, or claimed as such, at least. Under the pending bill no new enterprise or expansion of existing ones capitalized in excess of \$100,000 will be allowed to issue securities until licensed to do so by the War Finance Corporation.

Control of Private Enterprises. This is the most drastic and comprehensive effort at government control of private enterprise ever undertaken in this country. In the opinion of legislators who are working on perfecting the bill, but the authority to apply it is to be granted as an emergency of the war. There is an amendment proposed by the Senate committee on finance, this vast power of licensing is to be vested in a committee of five men, chosen by the Federal Reserve Board, including three members of the board, to be known as the War Finance Corporation.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA THREATENS ABSOLUTISM. Socialists Convoke Mass Meetings to Support Demands for Peace With United States. By the Associated Press. AMSTERDAM, February 22.—The Austrian socialists have convoked mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States.

NEW YORK WOMEN REGISTER. Newly Enfranchised Voters Will Elect Congressman in March. NEW YORK, February 22.—Women enfranchised at the November election today are exercising their first rights as voters by registering for a special election on March 5 in four congressional districts of the city. The registration will continue tomorrow.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IMPROVES. Chairman of Military Committee Recovering From Appendicitis. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Providence Hospital, today continued to make satisfactory progress toward recovery. He has taken nourishment yesterday and today.

COL. JOHN T. CALLAGHAN, MOSBY RAIDER, DEAD

Body of Veteran to Lie in State at Confederate Memorial Hall.

Col. John T. Callaghan, Confederate veteran and life-long resident of the District, died yesterday afternoon at his home in the Cumberland apartment house, 14th street and Massachusetts avenue. The body will lie in state in Confederate Memorial Hall from 10 o'clock Sunday morning until 9 o'clock Monday morning, when funeral mass will be said in St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in the Confederate section of Arlington cemetery, Camp 171, United Confederate Veterans, will hold memorial exercises over the body at their hall at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

ONLY ONE DAY'S SUPPLY OF HARD COAL IN CITY. Snowstorm Viewed With Apprehension by Fuel Administrator Weaver. With another snowstorm, threatening the possibility of interrupted railroad traffic, Washington today is taking stock of its coal supplies. As a result of increased shipments during the last week, it was estimated at the office of Fuel Administrator Weaver, there has been an accumulation of a surplus of about 3,000 tons of anthracite, a little more than one day's consumption.

SENATOR NEW WILL FLY. Plans to "Go Up" With Col. Lee Tomorrow—Greatly Interested in Aeronautics. Senator Harry New of Indiana, tomorrow will take a trip in the aeroplane of Lieut. Col. C. L. Lee of the British Royal Flying Corps, according to plans made today. Senator New, who is a member of the Senate military affairs committee, is greatly interested in aeronautics. He is the first of the senators to take a flight with the British aviator. Representative Overmyer of Ohio went up with Col. Lee several days ago.

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Dr. Turnbull, Eye Expert, Dies. PHILADELPHIA, February 22.—Dr. Charles S. Turnbull, a noted specialist on diseases of the eye, has died at his home here. He was 74 years old.

"DEFENSE TO DEATH" BOLSHEVKS ORDER AS GERMAN GAIN

All Russians Summoned to Battle Invaders—Disorganized Slav Navy Now Imperiled.

TEUTON ARMIES CUT SWATH OVER WHOLE EASTERN FRONT

Kaiser's Warships Invest Revel—Troops Capture Minsk. Ukrainians Aiding Invaders—Trotzky May Resign Post.

The bolshevik government again has changed its tactics and ordered that opposition be given to the German army now sweeping eastward into the heart of Great Russia. All Russians are summoned to the defense of their country in a proclamation signed by Premier Lenin and Ensign Krylenko, commander-in-chief of the bolshevik armies. Petrograd has been declared to be in a state of siege.

In taking Minsk and Rovno and in pushing their campaign swiftly on other sections of the long front the Germans have captured large quantities of war material, including more than 1,300 guns and 9,000 prisoners. From Leal, in Esthonia, the Russian province on the south shore of the Gulf of Finland, on the north to Rovno, part of the famous triangle of fortresses which stood as a Muscovite bulwark in the early days of the war, on the south, the Germans are still advancing.

Text of the Appeal. In the appeal for reorganization of a defense of the revolution against Germany, the appeal of the commissars says: "The socialist fatherland is in danger. The German invader is making his way into the heart of our country. We must defend it to the death."

Disgust and Shame. The bolshevik capitulation to a German peace and news of the German advance has caused a deep feeling of disgust and shame among the Russian people. The appeal of the commissars says: "The socialist fatherland is in danger. The German invader is making his way into the heart of our country. We must defend it to the death."

Trotsky May Resign. As to the decision to surrender to the Germans, the appeal of the commissars says: "The socialist fatherland is in danger. The German invader is making his way into the heart of our country. We must defend it to the death."

Attitude of Embassies. The allied embassies in Petrograd, according to a dispatch from the Russian capital to the Morning Post dated Monday, have been informed by the Russian government that the Russian government is refusing peace and carrying out the wishes of the capitalists of all countries.

Called to Resist Advance. By the Associated Press. PETROGRAD, February 22.—A proclamation ordering the Russian people to resist the advance of the German army was issued today.

Disorganization of Russian Navy. Disorganization in the Russian navy has reached an extreme point and there is no likelihood of any order being obeyed, according to an Exchange telegraph report from Petrograd. The Russian navy is in a state of complete disorganization.

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